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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



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For the year 1963.



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F. H. Wynne, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H., D.P.H.H. (Hons.)



Urban District Council Offices,  
Kilwardby Street,  
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

To the Chairman and Members of  
the Urban District Council of  
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the year 1963.

The population is steadily increasing and is now 7,560 compared with 7,480 in 1962.

The birth rate (19.0) is higher than last year (16.4) and higher than that for England and Wales (18.2).

The death rate (10.3) is lower than last year (10.4) and lower than that for England and Wales (12.2).

The chief causes of death were diseases associated with elderly people.

15 houses were completed during the year making a total of 796 houses completed in the post-war period.

The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 146 and the number of applications received during the year was 50.

During the year 9 unfit houses were demolished and 1 closed.

During the year 188 cases of infectious diseases were notified, 168 Measles, 19 Whooping Cough and one Scarlet Fever. There were 8 deaths from Pneumonia.

I am pleased to report that the number of children who received primary immunisation against Diphtheria still remains high.

Two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, both male, were notified during the year.

I should like to express my thanks to the staff of the Public Health Department of the County and to Dr. Mair and his staff at the





Public Health Laboratory, Groby Road, Leicester, for their help and co-operation.

Finally, I must thank Mr. F. H. Wynne, Public Health Inspector, for his invaluable help during the year, and to you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kindness and courtesy.

I remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. McM. W. Segerdal,  
M.D., D.P.H.

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Leicester.

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## SECTION A

### General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres)	5,985
Population (R.G.'s. estimate)	7,560
Number of inhabited houses	2,350
Rateable Value (at 1st April, 1963)	£250,963
Sum represented by a penny rate	£993
Comparability factor - Births	1.00
- Deaths	1.00

Ashby-de-la-Zouch is a market town, the chief industries of the district are agriculture; biscuit making, crisp manufacture; dairies and soap manufacturing. A number of workers engaged in coalmining; earthenware and brickmaking are residents in the town. There are also 4 Public Parks and an Open-air Swimming Bath.

No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the population.

### Vital Statistics.

	<u>Urban District</u>	<u>% England and Wales</u>
Live Births	144	
Live Birth rate	19.0	18.2
Still Births	1	
Still Birth rate per 1,000 (live and still)	6.9	17.3
Total Births (live and still)	145	
Infant Deaths	2	
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 live births	13.9	20.9
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate births	14.7	
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate births	.0	
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 related live births	6.9	14.2
Early neo-natal mortality rate (first week) per 1,000 related live births	6.9	
Perinatal mortality, the early neo-natal mortality combined with the still births per 1,000 total births	13.8	
Percentage of illegitimate live births	5.6	
Maternal deaths including abortion	.0	2.44
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	.0	0.28



## Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births : Legitimate	69	67	136
Illegitimate	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>144</u>
Still Births: Legitimate	0	1	1
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Births (Live and Still)	<u>72</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>145</u>
Deaths	<u>42</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>78</u>

Death rate per 1000 population 10.3

Death rate England and Wales 12.2



CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT AGE PERIODS

Causes of Death	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks. & under 1 yr.	Age in Years									
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	
(10) Malignant neoplasm stomach	M F	1 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 1	-	-	
(11) Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	M F	2 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 1	-	-	
(12) Malignant neoplasm breast	M F	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
(14) Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M F	1 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	
(15) Leukaemia Aleukaemia	M F	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(16) Diabetes	M F	1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 1	
(17) Vascular lesions of nervous system	M F	3 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1 4	
(18) Coronary disease, angina	M F	9 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3 2	2 7	
(19) Hypertension with heart disease	M F	2 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 1	1 -	
(20) Other heart disease	M F	6 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4 4	
(21) Other circulatory disease	M F	3 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2 2	
(25) Pneumonia	M F	6 2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4 2	
(24) Bronchitis	M F	7 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5 1	
(31) Congenital malformations	M F	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(32) Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M F	- 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 2	
(35) Suicide	M F	1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Total all causes	M F	42 36	- 1	1 -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	3 4	9 4	8 4	21 23	
Total both sexes		78	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	13	12	44	





Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age

Legitimate	0	1	1
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Deaths of Infants under one week of age

Legitimate	0	1	1
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Chief causes of death were :

Diseases of heart and circulation	46
Diseases of the respiratory system	16
Malignant neoplasm (Cancer)	10



## SECTION B

### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

#### Hospitals.

All hospitals are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

The County Homes for aged and infirm people are under the County Council. When the inmates become ill they are the responsibility of the Hospital Board.

#### Ashby-de-la-Zouch and District Hospital.

This is the only hospital in the area and is under the Leicester No. 2 Hospital Management Committee. The hospital has accommodation for 28 patients, including 13 maternity beds.

No. of In-patients (Medical, Surgical, etc.,)	426
No. of Maternity cases admitted	428
No. of Births	329
No. of Still Births	4
Out-patients attendances, including	
casualties and ante-natal	6,556
Operations	252

#### Loudoun House. County Home for Old People.

Generally, 1963 was a pleasant, uneventful year, with no serious epidemic amongst residents and staff.

The number of deaths of residents totalled only 14, some of these being in hospital and some at the Home. The vacancies in each case were filled almost immediately with people from various parts of the County. The bed complement remained at 47 and in 1963 was occupied by 14 men and 33 women.

Several local organisations again invited the residents to various functions in the town and many gifts were received from generous people in and around Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Blackfordby Brownie Pack have 'adopted' Loudoun House and pay frequent visits to the Home with flowers etc.,

The Annual Sale of Work was again held and realised over £100 for the Residents' Comforts Fund.



### Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist Schoolroom, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. An Ante-Natal Clinic is held at the Adult School, Bridge Road, Coalville, and the Chest Clinic at Markfield Hospital. The Chest Clinic is under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

Relaxation classes for pregnant mothers are held at the Ivanhoe Community Centre on Wednesday mornings, except during the school holidays.

### Ambulance Facilities.

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the National Coal Board at Nailstone Colliery and Moira Colliery.

### Nursing in the Home.

All district nursing and midwifery in the home is under the County Council.

### Health Visiting.

This work is provided, as before, by the County Council and is ably carried out in the area.

A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinic at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and visits the patients in their homes on request.

### Laboratory Facilities.

#### Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

The examinations performed on behalf of the District in the County Laboratory were as follows:-

Nose and throat swabs	9
Bloods	7
Vaginal & Cervical swabs	16
Faeces and Urine	193
Sputa	55
Waters	3
Miscellaneous	22
	<u>305</u>



Generally, there is co-operation between the local authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and the Hospital Board, and the tendency is towards closer integration.

Meals on Wheels.

This service, operated by the Women's Voluntary Service, supplies a hot meal two days per week to about 14 elderly and infirm people living within the District.





## SECTION C

### Water Supply

The water supply has been satisfactory in quantity.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district :

#### Internal mains water supply -

No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	2,374
Estimated population	..	..	..	7,510

#### Mains water from external standpipes -

No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	18
Estimated population	..	..	..	41

#### Well water supply -

No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	4
Estimated population	..	..	..	9

### Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Number of cesspools constructed during the year	..	Nil
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	..	Nil
Total number of cesspools in district on 31st December, 1963	.. .. ..	15

Works to provide a new outfall sewer and a new sewerage scheme for the northern side of the district are in progress. Extensions to the sewer at Boundary are in progress.

### Closet Accommodation.

Total number of houses in district on 31st December, 1963	..	..	..	2,396
(a) Privies	..	..	..	1
(b) Pail Closets	..	..	..	14
(c) Water Closets	..	..	..	2,381



### Public Cleansing.

A weekly service operates throughout the whole of the district. The refuse is disposed of in a partially controlled tip.

### Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Total number of complaints received	..	..	14
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Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	..	..	13
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Particulars of Inspections made.

	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Animal keeping	6
Bakehouses	3
Dairies	27
Drainage works	21
Dwelling houses	592
Infectious diseases inquiries	9
Food poisoning inquiries	-
Food premises	56
Offensive trades	-
Refuse collection and disposal	112
Rodent control	34
Schools	7
Shops	5
Slaughterhouses and meat inspection	297
Smoke control	6
Tents, vans, sheds etc.,	3
Verminous and dirty premises	11
Water supplies	12
Factories and workshops	14
Other inspections	176
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Notices.

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding at 1st January, 1963	-	2
Issued during year	-	9
Complied with during year	-	10
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st December, 1963	-	1

Statutory

Statutory Notices - Nil  
Summary action - Nil



### Shops.

Particulars of action taken during the year under the provisions of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950 :

	<u>Outstand-</u> <u>ing, 1st</u> <u>Jan.1963</u>	<u>Defects</u> <u>found</u>	<u>Defects</u> <u>remedied</u>	<u>Outstand-</u> <u>ing, 31st</u> <u>Dec.1963.</u>
Sanitary Conveniences	0	2	2	0
Ventilation	0	0	0	0
Facilities for taking meals	0	1	1	0
Washing Facilities	0	1	1	0

### Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

Number of site licences issued :

(a)	Individual vans	..	..	..	Nil
(b)	More than 2 vans	..	..	..	Nil

### Verminous Premises.

Particulars of action taken :

No. of Council houses infested	..	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found infested		1
No. of houses disinfested	.. ..	1

### Pet Animals Act, 1951.

There are two licensed pet shops. Five inspections were made during the year.

### Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No premises in the area.

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Two major and twelve minor infestations were dealt with by sub-contractors.





Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public.

Number in area :

(a) Publicly owned	..	..	..	1
(b) Privately owned	..	..	..	1
No of inspections				4

The public swimming baths were closed during the year while extensive renovations, including new chlorination plant, heating and filtering equipment, were fitted.



## SECTION D

### HOUSING

#### Houses completed during the year.

Local Authority	..	..	..	Nil
Private Enterprise	..	..	..	15

#### Houses in course of erection at end of year.

Local Authority	..	..	..	25
Private Enterprise	..	..	..	32

Total number of post-war houses completed by Local Authority	..	..	..	458
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Total number of post-war houses completed by private enterprise	..	..	..	338
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Total number of post-war houses completed	..	..	..	796
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Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year	..	..	..	146
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Number of applications received for Council houses during the year	..	..	..	50
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#### Housing Summary.

Total number of houses occupied in district	..	..	..	2,396
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Total number of Council houses occupied in district	..	..	..	618
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Nine unfit houses were demolished displacing ten persons and five families.

One unfit house was closed displacing one person and one family.



## SECTION E

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### Ice Cream

Number of premises registered :

(a) Manufacture and retail	..	..	..	0
(b) Manufacture only	..	..	..	0
(c) Retail only	..	..	..	32

All premises retail prepacked ice cream only.

#### Bacteriological Milk Samples.

All samples were taken by the County Council.

#### Meat and other Foods.

No. of licensed slaughterhouses in area	..	..	1
No. of animals slaughtered therein	..	..	4,314
No. of animals examined therein	..	..	4,314
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	..	..	10%
No. of knacker yards in area	..	..	Nil
No. of visits to knacker yards	..	..	Nil

#### Meat Stalls.

Number of inspections	..	..	Nil
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#### Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc.,

Number of inspections	..	..	11
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#### Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale.

Number of inspections	..	..	45
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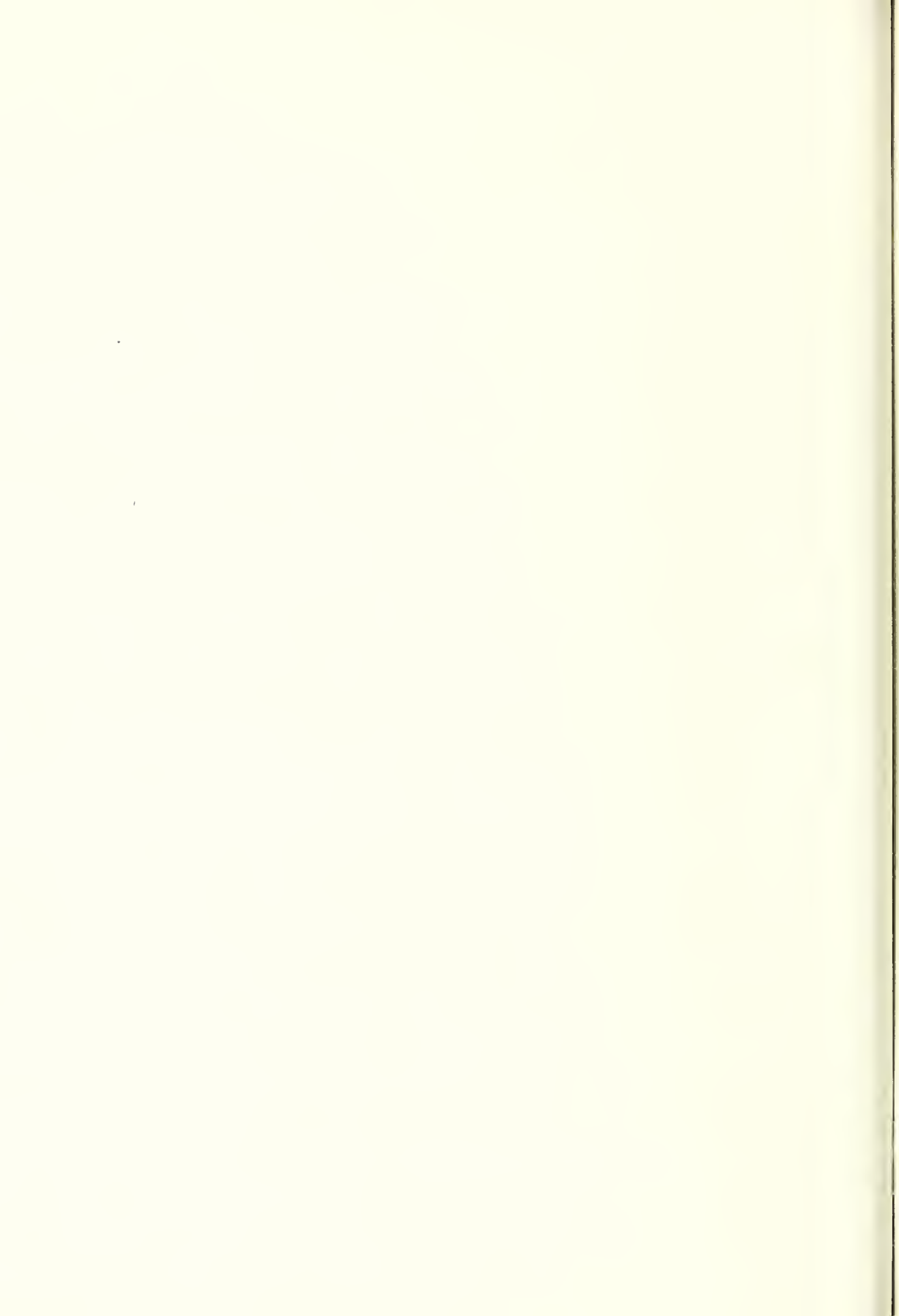
Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

Number of premises inspected	..	..	...	19
Number of inspections made for the purpose			..	56
Number of informal notices served	..	..		4
Number of informal notices complied with	..	..		4
Number of informal notices outstanding 31st December, 1963	..	..		0
Number of formal notices served	..	..		0

Improvement works to the Market Hall have now been completed and 23 stalls are available for letting. The majority have been let during the year and the market has been well patronised by the general public.

Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

A local dairy was prosecuted on two occasions for offences under the above Regulations. On both occasions convictions were obtained.





MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed	959	183	14	2045	1113
Number inspected	959	183	14	2045	1113
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	1	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	183	86	-	52	77
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis	19.1	47.0	-	2.5	6.9
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	1	-	-	11
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	0.55	-	-	1.0
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	2	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	2	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-



SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1963

Disease	Final No. after correction	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	1	0	0
Whooping Cough	19	0	0
Measles	168	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	8
Total	188	0	8

Analysis under Age Groups according  
to Registrar General's Return

Age Group	Whooping Cough	Measles	Scarlet Fever
Under 1 year	1	4	0
1	3	17	0
2	1	19	0
3	3	24	0
4	0	17	0
5-9	9	78	1
10-14	1	4	0
14-24	0	3	0
25 and over	1	2	0
Age unknown	0	0	0
Total	19	168	1



IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Number of Children who were immunised during the period  
1st January - 31st December, 1963

Age at 31.12.63 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1963	1 1962	2 1961	3 1960	4 1959	5-9 1954-58	10-14 1949-53	Total
Primary Immunis- ation	45	46	6	-	-	2	-	99
Booster Dose	-	16	17	1	12	45	3	94



Statement of Particulars appearing in the  
Tuberculosis Register for the year 1963

	Pulmonary		Non-Pul.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year	12	3	1	0	16
Number of cases notified during year	2	0	0	0	2
Number of cases added other than by formal notification	0	1	0	0	1
Number of cases removed from Register	2	1	0	0	3
Number of cases remaining on Register at end of year	12	3	1	0	16

Tuberculosis - Year 1963

Causes of Removal from Register

	M A L E S		F E M A L E S		Total
	Pulmonary	Non-pul.	Pulmonary	Non-pul.	
Died	0	0	1	0	1
Cured	2	0	0	0	2
Left Area	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	1	0	3





In October a patient in the Cottage Hospital was suspected of having food poisoning. All the staff were examined bacteriologically and it was found that a cleaner, a 56 years old woman, was a carrier of Paratyphoid B. The cleaner lived outside the Urban District area but was immediately excluded from working in the hospital. She was still excreting the organisms at the end of the year. The patient originally responsible for the investigation was found not to be a case of food poisoning and no other cases were found.

#### Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Two Pakistani men who worked in a food factory in Ashby, but who were resident outside the Urban District, were found to have Pulmonary Tuberculosis. The whole of the staff of the factory were X-rayed but no further cases were found.

There is free co-operation between the local authority and the Chest Physician and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, rehousing and employment. A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily and general practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.

A number of cases and contacts were seen and examined by Dr. Paul at the Outwoods Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.



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FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Resumé of Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1963 sent to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service Headquarters, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register</u>	<u>Inspec-</u> <u>tions</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>
Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	3	0
Factories not included in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	50	11	3
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>55</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>3</u>

Cases in which defects were found

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>		
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u> <u>by H.M.</u> <u>Inspector</u>
Want of cleanliness	1	1	0
Sanitary conveniences (unsuitable or defective)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outworkers (Sections 133 and 134)

No outworkers in district.



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